

In the Specification

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 6 as follows.

This application claims the benefit of U.S. Nonprovisional Application Serial No. 10/153,361, filed on May 21, 2002, entitled Connector Apparatus and Method for Connecting the Same for Controlling Fluid Dispensing, which claimed benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/292,477, filed on May 21, 2001, entitled Control System Having RF Coupler and Method Thereof, which is in its entirety both of which are in their entireties incorporated herewith by reference.

Please amend the paragraphs at page 7, lines 27-30 as follows.

Figure 7b represents a side partial sectional view of the second coupler of Figure [[8a]] 7a having the lockout device incorporated therewith in a locked out position.

Figure 7c represents a side partial sectional view of the second coupler of Figure [[8a]] 7a having the lockout device incorporated therewith in an unlocked position.

Please amend the paragraph at page 17, lines 18-31 as follows.

Figures 7b and 7c illustrate the lock out device 321 that includes a locking member 330 within the coupler 317 that is movable so as to release the function of the lock out device 321 when the second coupler 317 is in an initially locked out state. As shown in Figures [[8b-8c]] 7b-7c, the member 330 is in a locked position (Figure 7b) where the locking member 330 connects to an under surface 328 of a latch 327. In this position, the second coupler 317 does not allow connection with the coupler 111. The latch 327 includes similar features as latch 127, and is not further described. Figure [[8c]] 7c illustrates the locking member 330 in the unlocked position enabling connection between the first and second couplers 111, 317. Preferably, the lock out device 321 functions as a gate that prevents sealing surfaces of the first and second couplers to come in contact so as to avoid contamination of the couplers. More preferably, it will be understood the preferred communication distance between the couplers for releasing the lock out device 321 is equivalent to the distance between the couplers in the pre-coupled state when determining positive coupling connection.